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ARTHRITIS

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination, please ~~amend~~ the application as follows:

In the Specification:

On page 1, line 6, after "This application"; please insert is a continuation application of
U.S. Patent Application Serial Number 09/387,467, filed September 1, 1999, which--.

In the Claims:

Please ~~cancel~~ claims 1-47 without prejudice.

Please ~~add~~ new claims 48-62 as follows.

--48. A method for determining the predisposition of a rheumatoid arthritis patient to develop severe disease, said method comprising:

a) comparing the frequency of CD4⁺/CD28^{null} cells in said patient to a reference frequency to obtain information about said rheumatoid arthritis condition, and

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